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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/989,985	HUTCHESON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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THE REPLY FILED 31 October 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 5 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).


4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Attached.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.


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Regarding claims 1 and 24, the applicant argues that Comas et al. does not disclose a wireless access device receiving cached communications. The examiner respectfully disagrees. The language "receives cached communications" suggests that the communications received by the wireless access device has been previously cached somewhere in the claimed system. The examiner notes that a cache is RAM memory that is set aside as a specialized buffer storage that is continually updated (see the computer science definition of 'cache' in OneLook Dictionary Search <http://www.onelook.com>). Although not specifically disclosing a cache, the examiner notes that Comas et al. discloses a wireless gaming unit processor 12 comprising a game random access memory (RAM) (col. 3, l. 35-37). Comas et al. also discloses that in the wireless gaming unit processor 12, gaming information received is sequentially stored as periodically updated data signals in a memory 20 represented by a game RAM under the control of a wireless gaming unit controller 21 (col. 3, l. 62-66). Comas et al. further discloses that the wireless gaming units include a receiver for receiving wireless messages including gaming information generated by a wireless gaming server or another wireless gaming unit, the gaming information including data signals which are periodically updated and indicate a present position of a plurality of moveable objects moving periodically as the data signals are updated. The wireless gaming units have a ... processor for providing updated gaming information at the gaming units (col. 6, l. 6-15). Thus, since Comas et al. discloses a processor comprising a game RAM storing updated data signals, the examiner maintains that Comas et al. meets the limitation "receives cached communications" as currently claimed.

Regarding claims 15, 22, and 23, the applicant argues that Comas et al. does not disclose cached updates. The examiner respectfully disagrees. The arguments made with regard to claims 1 and 24 are also applicable to claims 15, 22, and 23. Since Comas et al. discloses a processor comprising a game RAM storing updated data signals, the examiner maintains that Comas et al. meets the limitation of "cached updates" as currently claimed.